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Exploring the mysteries of history

KATE BUTLER
Special to *County Life*

My grandmother always said that she regretted giving my mother that first Nancy Drew novel, because from that point forward it seemed to her like my mother read nothing else. I have to admit that the appeal of mystery novels must be somewhat genetic – I love them too – but I actually think that the appeal of mysteries touches something deeper about who we are as human beings.

This past week, we hosted the first session of a six week playwrights' workshop at the Haliburton Highlands Museum, and as the participants discussed potential topics for the short pieces they'd like to write over the course of the program, the theme of mysteries and solving mysteries came up fairly frequently.

For my part, there's a local mystery that has intrigued me since I began working at the museum – that of Mrs. Hunter, the elderly woman who disappeared from Eagle Lake on a summer's day in 1892 after going to visit with neighbours. The piece I write won't, of course, provide the definitive answer as to what happened to Mrs. Hunter, but it will give my mind a chance to speculate.

As L.P. Hartley famously said in *The Go-Between*, "The past is a foreign country; they do things differently there." In some ways, the work of a historian is akin to that of a detective. The documents and physical evidence we investigate can help us to get to the bottom of actual "mysteries," whether it's the final fate of Amelia Earhart or the location of a mythical lost city, but even more fundamental than that, our work can help us explore the larger mysteries of the past and give us a greater insight into who we are today.

Every family has its own mysteries – sometimes true mysteries, things that were kept hidden because it was felt that, at the time, it was best for all involved, but sometimes our family mysteries are that simply because we didn't ask the right questions at the right time.

The current popularity of television shows like *Finding Your Roots* and *Who Do You Think You Are?* is a testament to how deeply people want to know where they come from and how little we may sometimes know about a particular aspect of our family history.

This week, I'd like to encourage everyone to connect with their families and ask a question or two. Get to the bottom of a small family mystery or flesh out some details about a family story that you've always heard the abbreviated version of.

Later this spring, we'll be offering some programming at the Haliburton Highlands Museum to help give you some skills for this sort of detective work, but the time to start is now.

If you're interested in finding out more about the history of some of our local Haliburton families, stop into the museum any time we're open and we can help point you in the right direction! Happy mystery solving!

Kate Butler is director of the Haliburton Highlands Museum.

Activities at the library
Dysart library branch hosted an activities afternoon with the library's programming and community outreach co-ordinator Nancy Therrien helping participants Sofia Bowley, 8, and sister Noelle, 11, with dad Blake of Peterborough on Friday, Jan. 5 in Haliburton. /DARREN LUM Staff

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SIRCH's Cook it Up program coming to Minden in March

NATE SMELLE
County Life Staff

For the fourth year in a row, SIRCH will be running its Cook it Up program. Aiming to help the unemployed, underemployed or anyone interested in getting into the food service industry, Cook it Up provides participants with the opportunity to gain the skills and confidence necessary to get hired and provide high quality service.

SIRCH's food initiatives coordinator, Diane McKnight said the program will last 14 weeks, and there will only be spaces available for eight to 10 people. Throughout the program, participants will learn how to create a menu, shop, budget and scale a recipe to serve a meal for up to 60 people. McKnight said trainees will also earn certifications in safe food handling, Smart Serve, WHIMIS, knife safety and customer service excellence.

"Cook it Up focuses on people who want to work in a little more confidence and skill building," she said.

"The program promotes meaningful interaction between our trainees and the public, which is something that helps them boost their confidence. We are also reaching out to all restaurant owners in the Minden and Haliburton area, and we are hoping that they will employ some of the people who are taking this program."

McKnight said that every Monday, starting on March 5, the Cook it Up crew will serve a free lunch (or by donation) for the community at Molly's Bistro Bakery in Minden between noon until 2 p.m. For the next 10 weeks, trainees will serve up a different three-course meal each Monday, with the final lunch being served on May 7.

According to McKnight, the menu will be posted on SIRCH's Facebook page on the Friday prior to each of the community lunches. She is hopeful that the community will come out to Molly's and show their support for the program while enjoying a delicious meal.

"What I found most exciting was watching the participants grow in their positivity and confidence level," said McKnight.

"It's amazing to see them go from not being able to prep and cook a meal to prepping, cooking and serving a meal for up to 60 people and doing all of this on a budget."

SIRCH's Cook it Up has been made possible with funding by the City of Kawartha Lakes. McKnight said they are "extremely grateful" for their support in helping SIRCH offer the free program.

Pointing out that much of the employment in the area is in the hospitality field, McKnight said Cook it Up improves the quality of life of people in the community by helping them enter the workforce.

Having worked on the program over the last two years, McKnight said she has seen how it benefits the trainees and the community. In fact, she acknowledged that in the first three years, they have had a 76 per cent employment rate for participants who completed the program.

"We are hoping to get lots of applicants to Cook it Up," McKnight said.

"This is an incredible opportunity to learn new skills in a positive, creative environment as well as have fun, meet new people, develop an attitude of gratitude and focus on the bright side of life."

With limited spots available, McKnight encourages anyone interested in participating in the course to register as soon as possible. To register or for more information on Cook it Up, contact Diane McKnight at 705-457-1742 x27; or email diane_mcknight@sirch.on.ca.

Guests enjoy the food at SIRCH's Cook It Up at Baked and Battered. The free meal is open to anyone and gives servers the chance to learn what it's like to work in the food industry. /Photo supplied by SIRCH

Festival organizers want local businesses to jump on the bandwagon

JENN WATT
County Life Editor

Visitors to this year's Bluegrass in the Highlands Winter Festival will be met with the warm glow of a campfire, complete with lawn chairs, as they walk in the front lobby of Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre.

It may be cold outside – the festival is Feb. 23 and 24 – and the fire might be artificial, but the warmth of the bluegrass community is real, says organizers Sue Gallant and Lynda Weir.

"It's a very relaxed atmosphere," says Weir. "What [visitors] can expect is good music, a good time."

This is the second year for the winter bluegrass weekend, an event conceived of by fans of the music and held during a time when there are fewer events planned in Haliburton County.

The music starts on Friday evening, Feb. 23, with a program designed to bring out the local population for a night of bluegrass, country and Celtic tunes.

"On Friday night this year we're having a mixed program, which will have classic country and down east tunes performed by Highlands Trio and Celtic music being performed by Celtic Jam. We will also have some of the bluegrass bands playing as well," says Weir.

Cost to attend Friday is $35.

On Saturday, the schedule features "pure bluegrass" all day with music performed by Concession 23, Maple Hill, Sweetgrass, Hard Ryde, Switchback and Old Tradition. Weekend pass rates are $70 (advance tickets) or $75 at the door.

Hosting the event is a passion project for Gallant and Weir, who are paying the bills through ticket sales and sponsorships. The pair say help from the business community is important in allowing the event to continue.

"When you first start, unless you can get a heavy duty sponsor or people that are going to donate hundreds of thousands of dollars, you're starting with nothing, which is what we started with last year," Weir says.

So far, two businesses have signed on as bronze sponsors, Walkers Home Hardware and Abbey Gardens.

They challenge other local businesses to do the same, noting that their event brings visitors to the Highlands and does not depend on weather.

To sponsor the event or buy tickets to attend, contact Lynda Weir at 705-447-2348 or email bluegrassinthehighlands@gmail.com. Sue Gallant can be contacted at 705-854-1200. Tickets are also available at Pinestone and Canoe FM or at the door. Weekend passes are $70 in advance or $75 at the door, Friday night tickets are $35 and Saturday night are $30. An all-day Saturday pass is $45.

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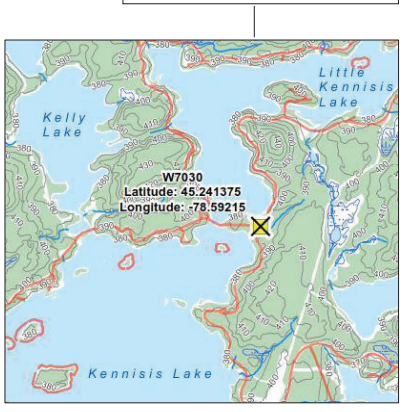

Outpouring of support for Toronto's homeless

SUE TIFFIN
County Life Staff

Kim Dennis speaks about the chain reaction of kindness – how one person's actions can foster inspiration in others to go forward and do good things.

She can see the power of that idea in the form of a mountain of jumbo-sized garbage bags filled with winter coats, blankets, hats and mitts – a mountain that she had only anticipated would be a hill when she posted a call-out for help from family and friends in Haliburton County to donate what they could to homeless people in Toronto trying to escape the winter deep freeze.

"I figured – I guaranteed – with the amount of family and friends I have, I'd be able to get 10 garbage bags full," said Dennis, who grew up in Minden and now lives in Haliburton. "But this is only from two days. In two days, 45 people came together and I have 40 garbage bags to pick up."

Dennis's post only spread, so that she was soon planning on taking her family's truck plus a trailer to Toronto to distribute the goods – a total of 85 bags and $260 in coffee and food gift cards – to men and women seeking a warm escape at All Saints Community Church and nearby shelters. The city of Toronto opened temporary emergency shelters, including the Moss Park armoury, and warming stations to help with the influx of people in need.

"I enjoy helping people, I love helping people," said Dennis. "I think nothing of it. It's really not a big deal to me, but to those people you're going to keep warm and save lives, it is a big deal."

Toronto street nurse Cathy Crowe told media this month that there are "600 men and women sleeping on floors, not even in real shelters." She said the outreach in support in getting the armoury open to help has been unprecedented. "I haven't seen anything this large in my career."

Dennis had seen the original call for help from her friend and former Haliburton resident Chelsea Teatro, who has been involved in outreach for the homeless living in Toronto. Teatro posted about the state of emergency caused by the frigid temperatures in December and earlier this month, when an influx of people who didn't always use shelters were needing refuge in order to survive. Teatro was planning on canvassing friends in Peterborough for help which inspired Dennis to do the same in this area.

"In Haliburton, people are so willing to help out," said Teatro. "That's what I love about small towns."

"I feel so blessed to live in Haliburton," said Dennis.

People in need are a little warmer after an organization effort by Chelsea Teatro (left) and Kim Dennis brought a total of 85 large-sized garbage bags filled with hats, coats, mittens and blankets collected from Haliburton County residents to a church in Toronto sheltering more than 100 people a day from extreme cold. / Photo submitted

"In Haliburton, if your house burns down, within a couple of days people will clothe you, feed you and help. We come together in bad situations here. Complete strangers will come together like family. People are messaging me that I've never met. It just goes to show how special our little town is. They don't have much either, but they're willing to help someone else."

Teatro was also surprised by the huge collection donated by residents in Haliburton County, and grateful for the work of Dennis, who drove from home to home with her two-year-old daughter to pick up the donations of clothes and Tim Hortons gift cards.

"I really encourage anyone who feels passionate about something and wants to help in some way or incite change, just go for it," wrote Teatro on social media. "There are so many people in the world who are willing to help. Some just don't know the best way to go about doing it, or don't think about it until it is brought up. You could be the one to really make a difference in a community or to those less fortunate. You could help inspire someone else to do the same."

People responding to the posts were positive, with Janene Greer commenting with similar thoughts to Teatro. "To think, had [Dennis] and Chelsea not posted about this, organized this, all those bags could've just sat in people's homes and basements and not gone to those who need it," she wrote.

Teatro said she was shocked to see people living on the streets when she moved to Toronto from Peterborough, and immediately began reaching out to help in whatever way she could.

"Some people feel safer on the streets than in the shelter," said Teatro. "Everyone deserves to be warm and have food in their belly."

She said she herself had lived through rough times in the past, and knew how easily homelessness could become the only option.

"It's close to my heart because that could have been me," she said. "That could have been me if I didn't have people supporting me, or burned my bridges along the way."

Teatro said she is writing notes to put with the donations that share messages of hope including, "it can get better," and "you're worthy of a great life."

"I'm looking forward to meeting some of the people we're helping, and giving them the stuff directly, and just talking to them," said Dennis.

"I want to show mercy to them," she said. "I want to help them, and let them know there is some hope out there."

When Dennis posted to the outreach group that she was headed to Toronto with her husband Ron to deliver the huge collection of donations to All Saints Church and a shelter formed at the Better Living Centre at the Exhibition Centre, she was taken aback when another volunteer reached out to offer her place to stay to help avoid the return trip in one day.

"That's how it works," she said. "It's a chain. When people see me posting the ad, the more people want to give. And maybe the more people see it, they'll want to do good."

Dennis thanked the community for their quick, generous and positive response, including Jessica Mann of Minden's New and Gently Used Facebook page and Sandi McElwain of Highland Street's Why Not Collect It for helping as drop-off centres during the project, and the Haliburton 4Cs and Lily Ann for donating extra supplies they had.

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Meghan Walker, left, and Jessalynn Thompson make tea for each other in the outdoor kitchen at the inaugural Hardwater Festival last year. The day long event, which was a celebration of ice, included winter activities, games, ice climbing, snowshoeing and an outdoor kitchen. /ANGELICA INGRAM Staff

Hardwater Festival to embrace winter weather

NATE SMELLE
County Life Staff

On Saturday, Jan. 27 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. the municipality of Dysart et al will be hosting its second annual Hardwater Festival. Part of the municipality's Explore Our Lakes initiative, the celebration of ice (and snow) brings together a wide range of winter activities, with the goal of fostering fun and safe use of lakes in winter, as well as ecological protection. The West Guilford Community Centre will act as the hub for the festival, with Abbey Gardens serving as the other venue.

Experiential tourism expert Barrie Martin of Yours Outdoors has been working with the municipality to build on the inaugural festival last year. As the project manager of the festival, Martin said it is incredible to see how much it has already grown in its second year.

Martin said that Abbey Gardens is going to be hosting a series of snowshoeing races which will feature one-three- and five-kilometre courses. Algonquin Outfitters will also be onsite with several "fat bikes" for people to try peddling on the ice and snow. Medeba Outdoor Adventure Learning Centre will also be offering ice climbing lessons for $10, where participants will have the chance to climb a 15-metre tall manmade ice tower.

Some of the other exciting outdoor activities featured at this year's festival are ice fishing, skating, broomball and ice sculpture by renowned ice carver and sculptor, Mike Muli. Guitarist Nick Russell and bassist Dylan White will be performing cool jazz, while the Haliburton Highlands Brewing Company provides the suds at the ice bar.

"It's a one-of-a-kind event and it brings everything to do with ice and snow together," said Martin.

"There will be lots of fun and plenty of learning opportunities as well."

One new addition to the line-up of events in 2018 is the Ice Hut Makeover contest sponsored by ACM Designs. The grand prize for the winning ice hut consists of prizes donated by local businesses worth $4,500.

Yet another interesting and creative development to take place in 2018, Martin said is snow-tagging. To celebrate Canada 150, Parks Canada had a team of artists creating snow-tags in parks across the country. Martin described snow-tagging as like a "painting in the snow" where artists create a large-scale image in the snow that can be seen from overhead by a drone or from an elevated view.

Funding for the festival has been provided through a grant from the Ontario Sport Recreation and Communities Fund. Martin acknowledged that the growth of the event this year is made possible through the many generous community sponsors supporting the event. Educational opportunities at the festival include traditional and modern winter camping demonstrations; documentary film screenings; a workshop on wildlife in the winter, Below Zero Critters in the Cold; winter survival skills; lake ecology and ice science workshop; and ice safety training.

Dysart's recreation program co-ordinator Andrea Mueller said the main focus of the Hardwater Festival is to promote ice safety. Living in a community that is surrounded by water – lakes, rivers, ponds and wetlands – she said it is important for people to know what to do in the case of an on-ice emergency. The introduction to ice safety course being offered at the festival will also highlight the qualities of ice, so people know when the ice is safe to venture out on.

"The reality is if somebody gets trapped under the ice or falls into cold lake water – even if they are just submerged up to their waist – there are many things they need to know so they can protect themselves," said Mueller.

"This course will train people how to deal with hypothermia; or if they do find themselves in freezing water, it will teach them how to get out safely. People will also learn if they fall under the ice how to protect themselves."

Since space is limited, Mueller recommends pre-registering for the ice safety course as well as the snowshoe race and ice climbing. To register for activities, and for a full schedule of events at the 2018 Hardwater Festival visit: www.hardwaterfestival.ca; or contact Dysart's recreation program coordinator Andrea Mueller at 705-754-1740 ext.35.

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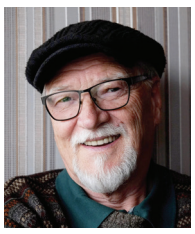
My cultural wish list for 2018



GEORGE FARRELL
On Arts

Here's my list of the cultural events, some admittedly far-fetched, that I would like to see happen in the Highlands in the coming year.

A BIA (Business Improvement Area) for Minden: BIAs are organizations that seek to work with merchants, community groups and town councils to strengthen and promote the area as a business and shopping district while also supporting community events. It's always at the top of my cultural wish list because without one Minden is likely to remain a quaint little village that people bypass on the road to somewhere else. Haliburton has a BIA and it seems to be working well.

More activity on the Gull River: Canada Day, with its fishing derby and river raft race, and the lantern festival in August, are the only organized activities taking place on the Gull River. I'd love to see a regatta on the river, involving our camps. There could be a series of canoe races that would include camp counsellors and kids who are attending various camps throughout the region. How about dragon boats on the Gull, as a demonstration? I'd also like to see a doggy fashion show along the Riverwalk, more sculptures installed, and to see steps taken in the linking up of the Riverwalk with Rotary Park.

The sale of the Rockcliffe Hotel: This landmark has been closed for quite some time. It will need an owner with deep pockets to restore this one-time landmark. There are too many other closings and vacancies on Minden's main street. I hope 2018 brings new tenants.

The Minden Hills Cultural Centre: Attendance was well up in 2017 and the staff is working on new and creative programming for this under-appreciated facility. Nature's Place, a building devoted to the environment, which is part of the cultural centre, is closed during the colder months, and I'd like to see visitor information become part of Nature's Place, so that the facility can be kept open year-round and bring people to the cultural centre through the downtown core. Although there are many information pamphlets already available at the cultural centre, having all the tourism information under one roof at Nature's Place makes sense to me.

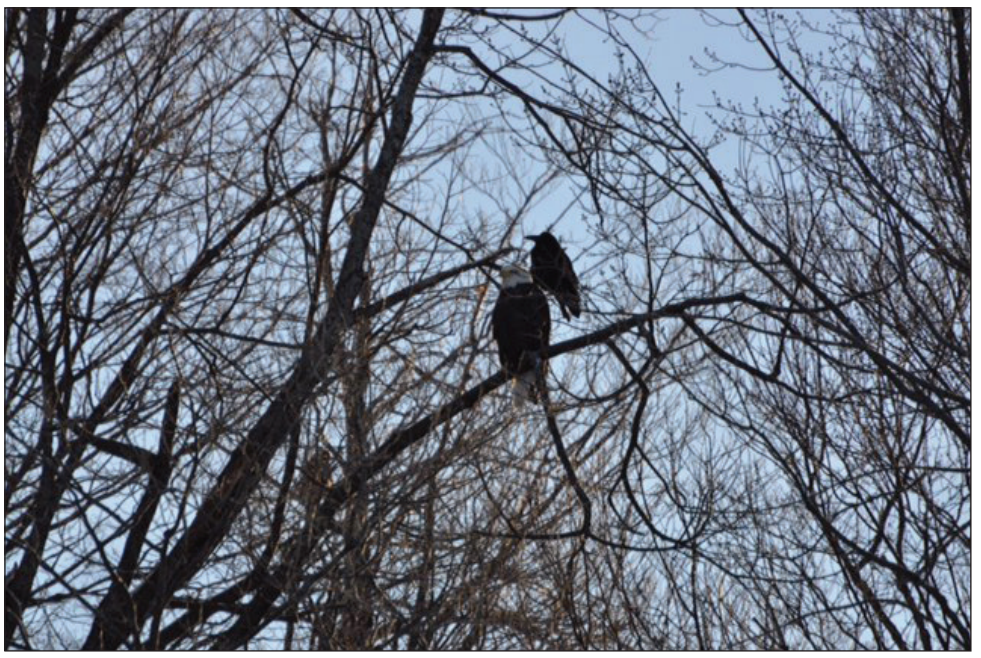
The Haliburton County Fair: The fair is over a century old but its early June date (before the tourists have arrived), is puzzling, and it's struggling for attendance, as are all small fairs in Ontario that cannot afford a midway. I don't know what it will take to attract a younger generation to the delights of a country fair, but at the Haliburton County Fair, located at the fairgrounds in Minden, the midway is gone. A musical headliner might help, but can be expensive. I suggest that something in the order of the folk society's Homemade Stew, which features local musicians, might work on the outdoor stage. Perhaps more craft beer vendors might help. I'd love to see the fair thrive and prosper again.

A blues and jazz festival: The Canadian Blues Legend series has been ongoing at the Dominion Hotel in Minden for years, and Jazz at the Haliburton Highlands Museum has been a success. So a jazz/blues festival isn't much of a stretch. Talks will be underway shortly that will see me, Canoe FM's blues guru Patrick Monaghan, and Canoe's Tim Hagarty of Jazz on the 45th, get together. It's my hope that it can include venues in both Minden and Haliburton.

Haliburton Drumfest: This was such a success last year that I think it needs more funding to ensure it goes forward to become even bigger and better. I can envision more bands, even more diverse cultural representation (including Indigenous drum circles), and a greater diversity of foods.

Theatre in the Park: I miss Dusk Dances, the theatrical/musical/dance event which had a good run a few years back, and maybe that lamented outdoor summer event can be replaced by theatrical performances, or opera. Head Lake Park is a wonderful venue for either, or both ideas.

Guenter Horst took this photo of a bald eagle on Scotch Line Road in Minden Hills.



Ideas for next year's Hardwater Festival

This weekend, the Hardwater Festival is a go. This is a fun event that celebrates winter and activities that require frozen water such as ice climbing, ice fishing, skating, fat bike riding and the like.

Those who know me also know I have always had a special talent when it comes to anything ice-related – rum and coke, for example. With that in mind, here are 10 more activities I would like to see at future Hardwater Festivals.

STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

1. Ice falling: Sure, ice climbing is an exciting and fun activity. But many of us do not have the physical prowess, inclination or the trust in helmets that are hallmarks of the sport. Yet we are exceedingly good at falling on ice. Not to brag, but I do it five to six times a week. Why not have an event judging the most creative wipe-outs?
2. Fat unicycles: The one thing I know about cyclists is that they catch on to the new disciplines quickly. They're – and I don't mean this in a bad way – keeners. So, while fat bikes won't be a challenge for long, unicycles on glare ice probably will. This is an ideal event for a helmet company to sponsor.
3. Reverse dogsledding: This one is for those who would like to see the dogs get a break. In this activity, the dogs sit in the sled while a team of people pull them around a quarter mile track.
4. Catsledding: Same as dogsledding but with cats. Lots of catnip and balls of wool will be required.
5. The ice angler makeover: This year, the winner of the ice hut makeover will be revealed. Next year, I think the winner should get a makeover to look good in the new hut.
6. The best ice cube contest: I would like to see ice cube connoisseurs bring in their best custom ice cubes and have them judged on temperature, form, artistic integrity and clinkiness in a glass – or something like that.
7. Best slip recovery: Every year thousands of Canadians recover from near-fall experiences on ice, with moves that would make Olympic gymnasts envious – my triple back flip and roll comes immediately to mind. I think it's high time they got honoured.
8. Metal fence licking: This is a personal favourite of mine. I envision competitors licking metal chain-link fences once the whistle blows. Once stuck, they must fumble for their phones and try to contact and communicate their dilemma to the on-site EMS unit. Talk about a crowd pleaser.
9. Rink shovelling: Again, this is a uniquely Canadian sport and I picture the winner getting crowned Mr. Zamboni.
10. Freestyle Line Uncoiling: This event, more than any, represents the true resilient spirit of the ice angler. Each participant is given an ice fishing rod and reel, the latter of which has been spooled with cheap fishing line for the last three seasons. He or she then must drop a William's Wabler down 60 feet and then reel it back while managing the nightmare of coils on overpowering his reel. The winner is the angler who is the last one to curse a blue streak.

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UPCOMING Community Events

PARISH HOME INSPECTIONS

Want to get your event in Community Calendar? It's free! Contact Pat at classifieds@haliburtonpress.com.

Upcoming Events

Canadian Parents for French
At Public Skating
When: Jan. 28, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Where: A.J. Larue Arena, Haliburton
Everyone is invited for skating, French music and lots of fun We ask for a $2.00 donation from those who are not CPF members.

Haliburton Highlands Land Trust Discovery Days 2018
Paws, Poop and Other Animal Clues!
When: Saturday, Feb. 3, 10 a.m. to noon
Where: Abbey Gardens
Our fun exploration of animal tracks, scat and signs will begin inside the Abbey Gardens Gathering Place. Come and learn about different critter poop (scat) found in Haliburton County and the stories it can tell. We will have fun matching poop to paws and will even be rolling out some sample critter poop from our special dough to enjoy as a tasty treat! If conditions allow, we will venture outside into the nearby forest using our wildlife sleuthing skills to find clues that animals have left behind. Dress for the weather. Please register as there are limited spaces and craft supplies for this fun workshop. Locate the registration link under Events tab at www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca Funded in part by TD Friends of the Environment. Admission by Donation.

Kinmount Bursary Dinner
When: Saturday, Feb.
Where: Galway Hall
Doors Open 5 p.m., Roast Beef Dinner 6 p.m.
Cash Bar, Tickets $15.00
Call Vic 705-488-3053 or visit Kinmount Pharmacy

Haliburton: S.T.O.P. (Smoking Treatment for Ontario Patients) Program
When: Tuesday, Feb. 6, 10 a.m.
STOP Program supports smokers trying to quit by providing them with five weeks of nicotine patches at no cost. Smokers will also get educational material and other resources to help them in the quitting process. To see if you are eligible, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577.

Haliburton: Sexual Health Clinic, Wednesday
When: Feb. 14, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
The clinic provides clients with confidential access to cervical screening, low-cost birth control, pregnancy testing and sexual health teaching. Testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections are also provided. For more information, locations or to make an appointment, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 2205.

Haliburton & District Lions Club Polar Bear Challenge
An event at the Haliburton Frost Festival
When: Saturday, Feb. 17
Registration at 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. & Event starts at 1 p.m.
Pledge forms available at Cranberry Cottage, Haliburton Foodland, West Guilford Shopping Centre, Todd's Independent or http://www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/haliburtonon/index.php
For more information, contact Lion Jim Frost at 705-457-4031
All proceeds to the Hospital for Sick Children's Garron Cancer Centre or the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation.

Bluegrass in the Highlands Winter Festival
When: Feb. 23 and 24, 2018.
Where: Pinestone Resort
Tickets: Weekend Pass $75; Friday $35; All Day Saturday $45; Saturday Night $30
Highlands Trio (country & "down east" tunes) & Celtic Jam will be performing Friday Night along with bluegrass bands Concession 23, Maple Hill, Sweetgrass, & Switchback Road. Saturday Program is "Pure Bluegrass" with Concession 23, Maple Hill, Hard Ryde Sweetgrass, Switchback Road and Old Tradition.
TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR.
Contact: Lynda at 705-447-2348 or email bluegrassinthehighlands@gmail.com

Legion Events

Branch 636, Minden
Monday – Thursday Lunch 12 to 2 p.m.
Tuesday Special liver day, regular menu also.
Friday 12 to 2 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m., Fish, Chicken Wings, Fries and Onion Rings.
Daily events:
Monday 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Haliburton Highlands Rug Hookers. (every two weeks)
Tuesday 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Senior art group. 1:00-4:00, Bid Euchre,
Wednesday 12:00- Meat Draws, 4 butcher quality meats for $1.00 a ticket. 1 to 4 p.m., Ladies Darts, 5 to 7 p.m. Calorie Counters.
Thursday 7 p.m. Darts. 7 p.m. Euchre
Friday Every second week, Karaoke with Fred and Linda, 7:30 to 11:30 p.m.
Saturday Special Lunch every week with meat Draw at 1 p.m.
Sunday Sports Day 12 to 4:30 p.m.
Special Entertainment – Karaoke with Fred & Linda Feb. 2, from 7:30-11:00.

Branch 624, Wilberforce
Thursday Youth group 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Friday Pool 1:30 p.m. Everyone welcome
Wing night 6:30 - 9 p.m.
Jam session 7:30 p.m.
Saturday Pat & Phyllis Gallen Memorial Lake Trout Ice Fishing derby
Register at the legion before close Jan. 26 or before 10 a.m. Jan. 27 at the Wilberforce bait shop
Saturday Meat draw 2 p.m. - Early bird 3 p.m. sharp

Monday Bid euchre 7 p.m. Beginners welcome
Wednesday Fun darts 7:30 p.m. Everyone welcome

We would like to look into getting a grant to rebuild the kitchen. Need people who would like to be a part of the process. Contact the legion to find out more.
Travelling this winter? Get your travel insurance through your membership.
Jan. 27 Crib tournament in Trenton 29/$50 - 28/$25 - 24/$10

Branch 129, Haliburton
Dave Allen, PRO 705-457-2571
Mondays: Bridge every Monday at 1 p.m.
Tuesdays: Tuesday Night Dart League starting at 7 p.m.
Wednesdays: Bid Euchre 1 p.m. start
Bingo Doors open at 6 p.m. Bingo starts at 7 p.m. - $500 Jackpot, $1000 Jackpot - last Wednesday of the month.
Thursdays: General Meeting third Thursday of the month starting at 7 p.m. All members urged to attend.
Ladies Auxiliary last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.
Fridays: Cribbage 1 p.m. start,
Meat Draw Five Draws, Five Prizes each draw, First draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw - 6:30 p.m.
Tickets are $2 per draw.
Chester Howse, MC
Friday fun darts - 4:30 p.m. onwards
Saturdays: 50/50 Draw 4 p.m. draw, Tickets are $1 each from noon onwards
Sundays: Breakfast Second and fourth Sunday of the month – 9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. $6 per person.
Occasional volunteers are needed.
Upcoming Event: Robbie Burns Night Saturday January 27 the in the Main Hall. Enjoy a taste of haggis and a buffet dinner, scotch tasting, pipes and drums, Scottish music and dancing. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. – entertainment starts at 7 p.m. Tickets are $15 per person available at the door.
Whether you're planning a function for 10 or 200, for more information call the Legion today at **(705) 457- 2571**, email **rcl129@bellnet.ca** or visit **haliburtonlegion.com** Come on out and support Haliburton Legion Branch 129, everyone is welcome!

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Brandon Nimigon 457–2128 x 27
Fort Irwin Diner $249,000
• Turnkey diner style restaurant or diner
• Large list of inclusions to run your business
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Karen Nimigon** 457–2128 x 29
Little Hawk Lake $519,000
• Year Round classic 3 bdrm cottage + bunkie
• 3.6 acres lot & 232 ft of clean water frontage
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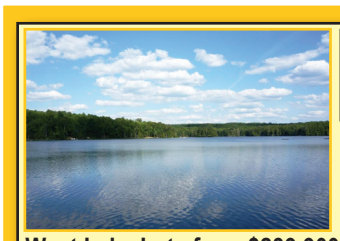

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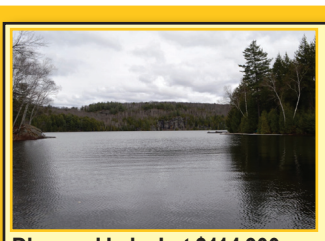

Elizabeth Thompson*
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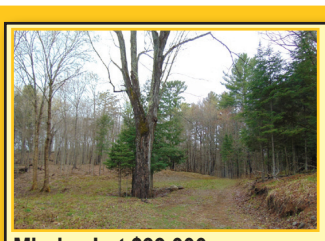
Diamond Lake Lot $114,900

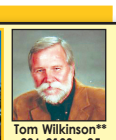
- Lovely lot on a deep, clean lake
- Off a year round road with driveway Installed
- Site has been cleared, 15 mins to Bancroft



Melanie Vigrass*
286-2138 x 32

Minden Lot $99,000

- Just North of Minden
- 3.5 Acre Lot, 778' Road Frontage
- Driveway In, Hydro @ Lot Line



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BUILDING AND LAND

Prime Commercial $524,900

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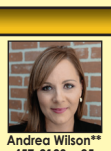
- Storage garage, high traffic area



Andrea Wilson**
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Great Opportunity To Invest $865,000

- Prime location, I2060 Sq Fr Retail Space
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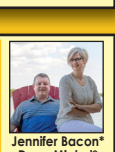
- 5 storage buildings with 60 rental units!



Jennifer Bacon*
Dean Michel*
705-286-2138 x28

SOLD

Mitchell Lake $419,500

- Turn-key 4 season 3 bedroom cottage
- Mitchel Lk has excellent fishing & boating
- Plus access The Trent Severn Waterway

Drew Bishop**
457-2128 x23

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Wonderland Rd $49,900

- Perfect building lot within 5 minsof Haliburton
- Driveway installed, lot cleared & ready to build
- Located on a quiet year round township road

Dagmar Boettcher**
457-5968

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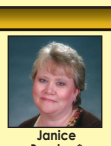
Irondale River $299,999

- 3 bedroom large home set on 2 acres
- Flat property with ATV/sled shed
- Separate 1 bdrm cottage at waterfront



Janice Brookes*
457-2128 x 22

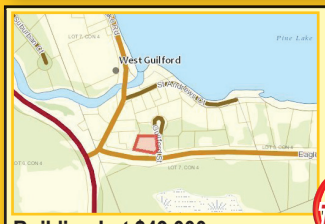
Soyers Lake Road $21,900

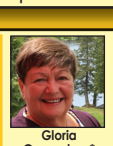
- Great rolling lot - Central Location
- Close to many lakes and beaches
- Outlined in trees with clearing within

Kim Butt*
286-2138 x31

Minden Lot $43,800

- Vacant residential building lot in the town
- Located on the corner of Prince & Booth St
- Mostly cleared & level property, ideal for building





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Building Lot $49,000

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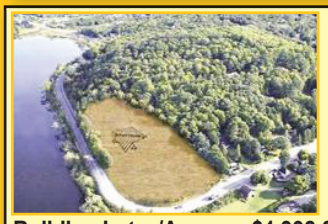
- Walk To Village, Driveway will Be In
- 163' On Guilford Crt & 188' On Cnty Rd 6



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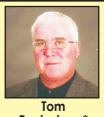
- 4+ Acres for Development in Haliburton Village
- Southern Exp., Great Views of Head Lk
- Walk to Town Amenities & Head Lk Park



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Outstanding Exposure

- Prime HWY 35 Minden Location
- Totally Renovated, C-1 Commercial Zoning
- So Many Possibilities $299,000

Lindsay Elder**
457-5878

SOLD

Peach/Kabakwa Lk $574,900

- Total privacy, stunning views
- Over 2 acres & 200 ft of water frontage
- 3 bedrooms, 2 baths & hot tub!

Lee Gauthier**
489-9968

Sir Sams Chalet $599,000

- B&B or Residential: 8 bdrms, 3 bathrooms
- Excellent investment on Sir Sam's ski hill

Scott Harrison*
286-2138 x 28

SOLD

6.5 Acre Lot $49,900

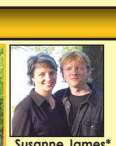
- Lg building lot close to Minden, utilities at lot line
- Public access to Gull River across the Rd.
- Won't last!... see it today!

Andrew Hodgson***
286-2138 x 29

SOLD

Kashagawigamog Lake $469,900

- Executive 3 bdrm, 2.5 bath townhouse condo
- 2550 sf, 3 levels, Custom kitchen, open concept
- Access to our premium 5 lake chain!



Susanne James* & Andy Mosher**
457-2128 x 33

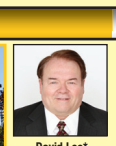
Miskwabi Lake $499,900

- Prime level lot, western exposure, big lake view
- 3BR cottage with heated line, lots of upgrades
- 123' frontage, clean shoreline, year round access

Rosemarie Jung*
457-7049

New Minden Home!! $359,900

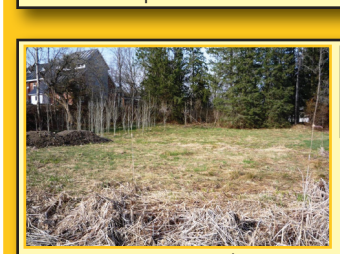
- Bright & Spacious 2 Bdrm, 2 Bath Bungalow
- In town w/ Quality Finishes, High Efficiency



David Lee*
286–2138 x 27

Pine Lake Retreat $829,000

- 5 bedrooms / 3 baths
- Over 2 acres facing NW
- Many upgrades and features



Erin Nicholls*
457–2128 x 34

Minden In town Lot $69,900

- Ideal lot for a multiple uses, lots pf potential
- Right in the Town of Minden, Services at the lot line
- Great opportunity for a large in town lot!

Brandon Nimigon
457–2128 x 27

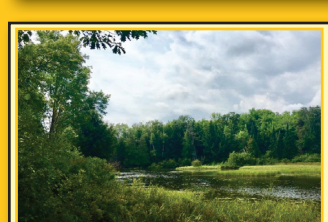
In Town Commercial $299,000

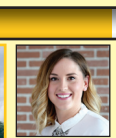
- Clean & tidy 3000 Sq. Ft. building with many options
- Fully finished and currently used as a church
- Ideal for a studio, a retail space or offices!

Karen Nimigon**
457–2128 x 29

Haliburton Home $299,000

- Classic 4 bdrm home right in Haliburton Village
- Amazing view over Head Lake + shop & garage
- Sits on a 1.3 acre lot with nice backyard





Kirsten Rae*
286-2138 x 30

Kennisis River $109,900

- Lovely building lot, short boat ride into Halls Lake
- Natural shoreline with picturesque river views!

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Haliburton County residents looking to thank the special professionals, businesses and not-for-profits in their lives with extra recognition have a few weeks left to nominate their choices for a Business and Community Achievement Award.

The 12th annual Business and Community Achievement Awards Gala, held by the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce and attended by more than 200 people, takes place on March 17. It's at that gala that 12 prizes are awarded to winners who have shown innovation, enthusiasm, exceptional performance or service to customers, clients and the area at large.

New this year is an award for the Young Professional of the Year, acknowledging the chamber's understanding of the value of young professionals in the area. Individuals under 35 years old who are leaders or innovative employees or business owners who contribute to the overall well-being of the community or are ambassadors for young people in the community can be nominated for the award.

"They are our future," said Richard Wannan, chamber president. "We need people to recognize who they are, and to support them."

Wannan said the awards event continues to grow each year in popularity and support, and has become one of the largest events held in the county.

"It's recognizing the community," he said. "Especially in these times of change and whatnot going on, to recognize these people in our community who are really contributing."

Other categories in which businesses, not-for-profits or individuals can be recognized are as follows: Business Achievement, which recognizes a business that demonstrates outstanding achievement in their industry or community; Entrepreneur of the Year, recognizing an entrepreneur with enthusiasm, motivation and just the right amount of risk-taking; Skilled Trades and Industry, which recognizes a business that demonstrates excellence in trade skill development and quality craftsmanship; New Business, which recognizes a business that has been in operation for one to three years; Not-for-Profit of the Year, which recognizes a not-for-profit that provides outstanding programs, services, events or campaigns; Innovation and Creativity, recognizing a business with innovation and creativity; Tourism and Hospitality, recognizing a business that has been instrumental in improving the allure of the Haliburton Highlands; Highlander of the Year, which recognizes a citizen for outstanding contributions and community leadership; and two Customer First awards – one for business and one for employee, which recognizes a company or customer's exceptional performance in quality service. A Warden's Award, chosen for an individual, group, team, business or organization that has demonstrated significant achievements and contributions to the county and the people who live here is selected by the warden of the County of Haliburton.

Wannan said past nominees have been thrilled to be noticed, and are always very grateful if they win.

"It's the personal satisfaction for all the time and effort they've put in, that others have recognized them for that and want them recognized," he said. "They glow when they win. It's our own Oscars."

Further information about each award, including a nomination form, is available at haliburtonchamber.com, in the chamber of commerce office or at any branch of the Haliburton County Public Library. The nomination deadline is Thursday, Feb. 15 at 4 p.m.

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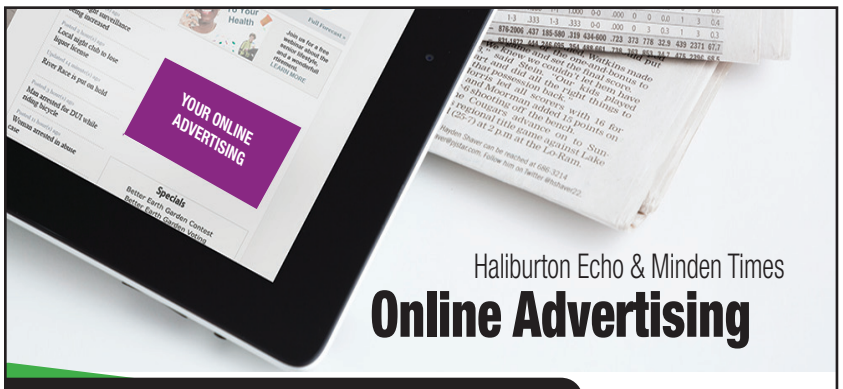

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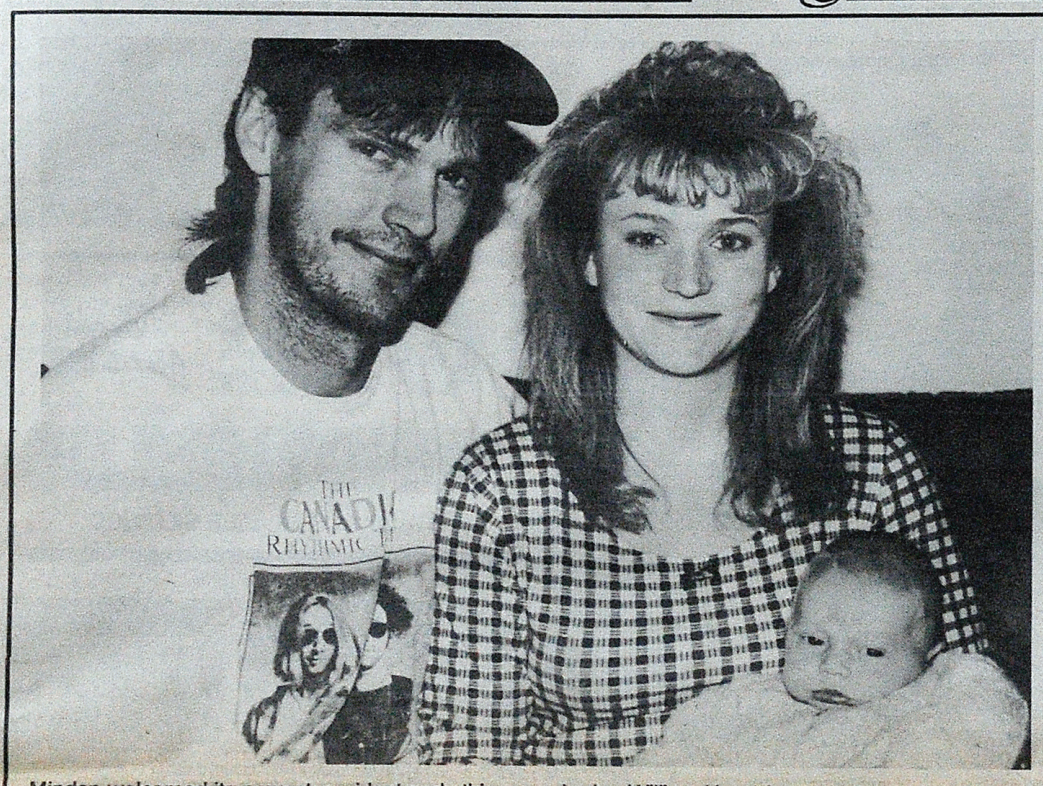

Minden welcomed its newest resident early this year. Jordan William Howe increased the population by one when he was born January 3 at 9 p.m., at Civic Hospital in Peterborough. Weighing in at 8 lb, 7 oz., Jordan is the son of Jeff Howe and Tracey Farrell of Minden. Jordan is a brother to Brittany, The first baby born in Haliburton County arrived January 13 at the Haliburton Hospital. The new arrival is a daughter for Sandra Trumbull and Dan Pottier of Minden.

AHM-Dysart meeting

Councils vow to work together for common good

Andrew Milne

The newly elected councils of the two most populous municipalities in Haliburton County met January 9 to discuss issues of common ground and cooperation. Road maintenance, fire protection, and health care were among the items discussed at this closed meeting.

The councillors for Anson Hindon and Minden and for Dysart et al met following Dysart's regular council meeting in Haliburton. Anson, Hindon and Minden Reeve Jeanne Anthon says the meeting went well. That assessment was echoed by Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey.

"The reeve of Dysart and myself had talked during the election and agreed it was critical that Minden and Dysart work together for the interests of the communities and county," said Anthon. " It was obvious that if there was a perception we couldn't work together, then the rest of the county wouldn't either. So they initiated the invitation and we welcomed the opportunity. We hope, in turn, to have them back fairly soon."

"We share a lot of common concerns and we were able to discuss them," said Fearrey. "We covered a wide range of subjects — nothing in any detail and with no finalization. We have areas in which maybe we can work together. The discussion covered a range of municipal subjects like fire coverage and roads."

Both reeves said the meeting was held to get to know each other and explore areas which would benefit from cooperation. Both groups expressed the hope the councils will meet again in the near future.

"There's an indication," said Fearrey, "that the things that were discussed — and I won't make those public — are being considered by both parties. We hope to meet again. It was very positive in my view."

"The discussion was very general," said Anthon, "because we didn't spend a lot of time on any one item — it was just sort of initiating ideas on which we could follow through. But we did talk about sharing of expertise. Some of their problems are our problems — in particular the bylaw dealing with peddlers and hawkers and chip trucks etc. — they're dealing with the same thing so we're going to work together on that, and perhaps the two primary municipalities can develop bylaws and objectives that are similar and thereby eliminate some competitive aspects in the county."

The health care debate, quite naturally, was raised. The provincial Ministry of Health (MOH) has recommended that acute care beds and services be consolidated at one of the two communities. The MOH has, however, left the decision as to where those beds will be located to a local committee, the Acting Health Services Board. Concern over the future of health care services in both communities has heightened a long existing rivalry between the two communities. The board recently recommended the acute care facilities should be located at the Haliburton Hospital with emergency services available at a Minden facility attached to Hyland Crest.

"We did talk about the hospital issue," said Anthon, "and both communities are very interested in working together to achieve the needs of our community. I said we have been elected to represent our people. We have

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Health Board replacements chosen

by Jerry Grozelle

Two seasonal residents and one permanent resident of Haliburton County have been appointed to the Acting Health Services Board to replace the three people who resigned.

One of the seasonal residents is David Coulson, the consultant who co-ordinated the Coulson Report, a study of the health care system in the county. He is a cottager in the Gooderham area. The other seasonal representative on the committee is Luba Funston, a Miner's Bay cottager.

Bill McAfee, also of Gooderham area, is the permanent resident who has been named to the committee.

Communique

A draft newsletter prepared by the Acting Health Services Board was presented to the members for input before the final product is printed and circulated. The newsletter will be circulated with both local newspapers and copies will also be placed in doctors' offices, the two hospitals and distributed through cottagers' associations.

The newsletter is intended to enlighten the public regarding the progress that has been made on the health services front from the board's perspective.

60+ applications

More than 60 resumes have been received from across Canada for the position of executive director of the Haliburton Health Services Board.

The recruitment committee for the position will include board members Stuart Baker, Doug

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Think snow!

Despite the mild turn in the weather, organizers of the Minden Techni-Cal Challenge were still optimistic on Saturday that the event would go ahead this weekend. Race Governor, Val Lougheed noted that the forecast for the coming week called for below freezing temperatures and snow. "Its just a matter of how much we get and when it arrives," she commented.

"Naturally we would like to be going into this week not having to worry about the weather," she said. "There are enough other details involved in getting a race of this calibre up and running, without having the added concern about the weather. Since there is little we can do about the conditions, the committee is moving ahead and hoping for the best."

The final decision on the race will not be made until Wednesday at noon. "We'll spread the word as quickly as possible once it is made," Lougheed said. She also noted that if a postponement is necessary, the derby will be held February 4 & 5. A program outlining the derby activities is included with this week's edition of The Times. (If a postponment is necessary, the times indicated in the program will apply to the new dates.)

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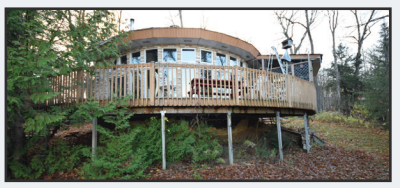

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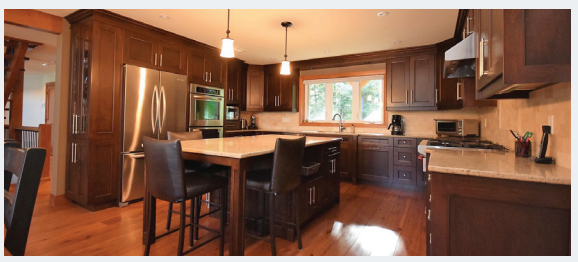
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